SUBJECT No. 91.

Permission to use stream water for dry lands.

Messrs. Rama Rao, Bhaskara Rao, Lakshmana Rao and Sivaiya Gowda, Sorab Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Khatedars of dry lands close to streams, rivers, etc., put dams across the latter and water their lands by means of yatas (lifts), etc., at their own cost. But such acts are checked by the authorities and the khatedars are fined. Consequently several lands are lying waste. As this procedure, *viz.*, inflicting fines for using water, entails hardship on the raiyats, it is requested that orders may kindly be passed not to levy fines in such cases.

Reply of Government.—Permission may be obtained in such cases by applying under Rule 34 of the Land Revenue Rules.

SUBJECT No. 92.

Changeable assessment on lands depending on jungle streams.

Mr Srinivasa Rao, Channakesavapura, Pavagada Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The Survey Department has classed as wet such lands for which the raiyats have devised by their own exertions means of irrigation by taking channels from jungle streams, and when there are rains such lands will be cultivated with wet crops and on other occasions they will either lie fallow or be cultivated with dry crops. It is therefore prayed that wet assessment may be ordered to be levied on such lands for those years in which there has been wet cultivation and dry assessment on other occasions.

Reply of Government.—Such lands bear a low wet rate, and it is inexpedient to have a fluctuating assessment.

SUBJECT No. 93.

Abolition of assessment on drying grounds.

Messrs. B. Kesavaiengar and Kesavadasaiengar, Belur Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—When coffee industry was flourishing, assessment at Rs. 1-8-0 per acre was levied on drying grounds, but as the industry is declining and as people have become poor, this assessment may be abolished entirely or malnad dry rate levied.

Reply of Government.—This assessment was agreed to be paid when the land was taken up, and the question cannot therefore be considered now in the case of such land. When the time comes for revising the assessment the matter will be considered.

SUBJECT No. 94.

Acceptance of rajinamas of lands on which all the dues have been paid.

Mr. Srinivas Sitaram Kulkarni, Harihar Sub-Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The time within which the notice of absolute relinquishment of an occupancy required to be given is limited to 31st March, while that allowed for the collection of land revenue extends to the end of May; but the rajinama presented within the prescribed time for some of the lands in the holding of a raiyat will not be accepted unless the whole amount of kandayam on all the lands in his holding is fully paid up by that time. This results in the curtailment of two khists allowed by Government for the payment of revenue and therefore acts as a hardship. It is proposed that the rajinamas may be accepted by taking proper security for the payment of arrears.